

SUMMARY

Hoskins-Adams House
601 Whitaker Mill Road
Joppa, MD 21085

HA-1552

This 2-1/2 story stone-and-frame house with 2 modern wings has been re-modelled extensively, but was the signpost of "Hoskins Corner", the intersection of Old Joppa and Whitaker Mill Roads, in the second half of the 19th century when Cheney (or Cheyney) Hoskins lived here. It was during the residency of Henry Packard and Nancy Allen White (1943-1976) that the wings were added and the original house extensively remodelled by local architect Alex Shaw.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAMEHISTORIC
Hoskins-Adams House

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION (N.E. corner of intersection of Old Joppa and Whitaker Mill rds.)STREET & NUMBER
601 Whitaker Mill Road (nr. Joppa)CITY, TOWN
Joppa

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE
MarylandCOUNTY
Harford**3 CLASSIFICATION****CATEGORY**☐ DISTRICT
☒ BUILDING(S)
☐ STRUCTURE
☐ SITE
☐ OBJECT**OWNERSHIP**☐ PUBLIC
☒ PRIVATE
☐ BOTH**PUBLIC ACQUISITION**☐ IN PROCESS
☐ BEING CONSIDERED**STATUS**☒ OCCUPIED
☐ UNOCCUPIED
☐ WORK IN PROGRESS
ACCESSIBLE
☒ YES: RESTRICTED
☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED
☐ NO**PRESENT USE**☐ AGRICULTURE
☐ MUSEUM
☐ COMMERCIAL
☐ PARK
☐ EDUCATIONAL
☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE
☐ ENTERTAINMENT
☐ RELIGIOUS
☐ GOVERNMENT
☐ SCIENTIFIC
☐ INDUSTRIAL
☐ TRANSPORTATION
☐ MILITARY
☐ OTHER**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**NAME
Mr. & Mrs. Ronald J. Adams

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER
601 Whitaker Mill RoadCITY, TOWN
Joppa

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code
MD, 21085**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC

Harford County Courthouse

Liber #:

Folio #:

STREET & NUMBER

40 South Main Street

CITY, TOWN

Bel Air, MD 21014

STATE

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

File

CONDITION

☒ EXCELLENT
☐ GOOD
☐ FAIR

☐ DETERIORATED
☐ RUINS
☐ UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

☐ UNALTERED
☒ ALTERED

CHECK ONE

☐ ORIGINAL SITE
☐ MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Hoskins-Adams House

This 2-1/2 story stone and frame house faces south at the northeast corner of the intersection of Old Joppa Road and Whitaker Mill Road.

The gable-roofed house, now T-shaped, consists of an earlier, if not originally, el-shaped structure in the center flanked on the east and west by modern (early 1950's) 1-1/2-story, 2 bay by 2 bay wings. The central structure is sheathed with German siding on the north (rear) and on the south by stone in the first story, German siding in the second.

The central part, measuring 21' x 16', is 3 bays wide and the ell, 21' x 25' 8", is 2 bays long with stone interior chimneys in the east and west ends and a stone exterior chimney in the north end of the ell. Windows have 6/6 sash and louvered shutters, although some alterations of the ell's fenestration have occurred. The roof has a raked cornice and there is 1 4-light gable-roofed dormer in the south slope of the roof. A glassed-in porch covers the 1st story center bay of the south facade where the main entrance is located. The entrance door jamb consists of fluted pilasters with a pediment with a cavetto cornice and panelled architrave - one of the few clues to the earlier existence of the house.

The interior has been re-modelled drastically and traces of the original floor plan obliterated. The 2 mantelpieces, however, seem to date from the early 19th Century. The mantelpiece in the west room has a molded shelf, a quarter-round cavetto and dentelled cornice and an ogee architrave and crossette trim around the opening.

"A" The 2-level gable-roofed stone and frame bark barn, northeast of the house has a rubblestone foundation and board and batten upper story. The forebay and open ground story is on the east side, the banked entrance on the west. On the interior, most of the timbers appear to be handhewn and pegged together.

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PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW				
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)		
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION				

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

If the 1858 Jennings and Herride Map is accurate, the Hoskins-Adams House was built between 1858 and 1878 by Cheyney Hoskins. The 1858 map shows no structure in or near this location at the intersection of Whitaker Mill and Old Joppa Road; the 1878 Martenet's Map shows a building belonging to Cheyney Hoskins here.

Cheyney Hoskins acquired a large amount of acreage between 1823 and his death in 1884 in this vicinity. Part of the tract at the intersection of Old Joppa and Whitaker Mill Road was referred to in deeds as "Hoskins Corner". He also owned the Hoskins-Guidice House (HA - 1259) on Bel Air Road, which was probably some sort of commercial enterprise. When Cheyney Hoskins died, his inventory divided the house into attic; small room; south, west & north bedrooms; parlor; south room; sitting room; kitchen; and basement. His wife, Margaret, inherited his real estate,¹ and in 1913 willed it to her son, William G. Hoskins,² who owned the farm until 1939.

During the residency of Henry Packard and Nancy Allen White (1943-1976), the two wings were added and the original structure, inside and out, as owned by Cheyney Hoskins was extensively remodeled. The current owners have blueprints of the plans by Alex Shaw. Only its exterior dimensions, 2 mantel pieces, and the front entrance and the barn testify to a Mid-19th Century existence. The woodwork would seem to date the house to an early 19th Century date, but at this major intersection the 1858 Map probably would not have missed it. Still, as a former local "Signpost" of Hoskins Corner, the site deserves note.

FOOTNOTES

1. Will Records WSR 10/313
2. Will Records JA 15/226

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Land, will and equity records of Harford County
 1958 Jennings & Herrick Map
 1878 Marrenet's Map

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Natalie Shivers

ORGANIZATION

Historic District Commission

DATE

STREET & NUMBER

45 S. Main Street

TELEPHONE

838-6000 x207

CITY OR TOWN

Bel Air

STATE

Maryland 21014

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RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust
 The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
 Annapolis, Maryland 21401
 (301) 267-1438

Title Search
Hoskins-Adams House
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1. 1066/623 June 29, 1978 Grantor: Ralph Medley
Grantee: Ronald J. & Beverly T. Adams
Acreage: 12.034 A.
Sum: \$130,000
"northeasterly intersection of Old Joppa & Whitaker Mill Road"

2. 1004/747 July 26, 1976 Grantor: T. Leo Sullivan
(Trustee: Henry Packard White, dec.)
Grantee: J. Ralph Medley
Acreage: 12.034 A.

Will of Henry Packard White June 10, 1974
TLA/34/302 - Leaving all to wife, Francis Hershaw White

3. GRC 355/566 January 31, 1951 Grantor: Derwood A. Beck & Joyce W. (wife)
Grantee: Henry Packard & Nancy Allen White

4. GCB 265/238 April 16, 1941 Grantor: Harold M. Gilbert & A. Delores Gilbert
Melvin P. Johnson (J. Credit Co.)
Norman J. Lee (Lee's Garage)
Grantee: Derwood A. Beck & Joyce W. Beck
Acreage: 25A

5. GCB 255/328 April 17, 1939 Grantor: William G. Hoskins & Isadora (wife)
Grantee: Agnes Delores Gilbert & Harold M. Gilbert
Acreage: 25 A. more or less

6. Will of Margaret Hoskins March 27, 1913 JA 15/226
"my farm in Harford County, Md. and all buildings and improvements thereon"
to son, William G. Hoskins

7. Will of Cheyney Hoskins January 14, 1884 WSR 10/313 JA 2/306 File #4888
All property left to Margaret, wife.

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USGS Map
7.5 Minute Series
Bel Air
Quadrangle



(WHITE MAP SHEET)
#765 (V.N.)

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Topography from aerial photographs by photogrammetric methods. Aerial photographs taken 1955. Field check 1956

Polyconic projection. 1927 North American datum
10,000 foot grid based on Maryland coordinate system
1000 meter Universal Transverse Mercator grid ticks, zone 18, shown in blue

Red tint indicates areas in which only
landmark buildings are shown





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Natalie Shivers
South



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North



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Southwest